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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1107

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF AL HADDADI AIRFIELD AND FIRST INDICATION THAT AS SALIHIYAH AIRFIELD IS POSSIBLY OPERATIONAL.

2. LOCATION:

AL HADDADI AIRFIELD 10 NM EAST OF AL HADDADI AND APPROXIMATELY 60 NM ENE OF ALEXANDRIA AT 31-20-50N 030-58-20E.
AS SALIHIYAH AIRFIELD - 3 NM EAST OF AS SALIHIYAH AND APPROXIMATELY 17 NM NW OF ISMAILIA AT 30-47-55N 032-02-20E.

3. REMARKS:

THIS CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS PART OF EGYPT'S CONTINUING PROGRAM OF AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION WHICH BEGAN FOLLOWING THE JUNE WAR OF 1967.

4. COLLATERAL:

AFTER THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR OF JUNE 1967, THE EGYPTIANS BEGAN AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM OF NEW AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION TO OFFSET THE LOSS OF THEIR FORWARD BASES IN THE SINAI AND TO

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4. COLLATERAL (cont):

IMPROVE THEIR OVERALL DISPERSAL CAPABILITY. TO DATE, AT LEAST EIGHT NEW AIRFIELDS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED, MAINLY IN THE NILE DELTA AREA. AL HADDADI AIRFIELD IS THE LATEST TO BE IDENTIFIED.

IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING AIRFIELDS HAVE ALSO BEEN CARRIED OUT AND INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF NEW, IMPROVED OR LENGTHENED RUNWAYS. PORTIONS OF THE CAIRO-ALEXANDRIA HIGHWAYS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED TO EMERGENCY AIRSTRIPS. IN ADDITION, A CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT HANGARETTES WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE ANY FIGHTERS IN THE EGYPTIAN INVENTORY HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS DURING THE POST-WAR PERIOD. SOME 470 OF THESE HAVE BEEN BUILT OR ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

AL HADDADI AIRFIELD THIS MISSION.

AS SALIHIYAH AIRFIELD

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6. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: AL HADDADI AIRFIELD - 9,750x130-FOOT N/S
RUNWAY

AS SALIHIYAH AIRFIELD -
(APPROXIMATE) NE/SW RUNWAY (CLOUD COVER
PREVENTS MENSURATION OF THE ENTIRE LENGTH
OF THE RUNWAY).

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7. MISSION READOUT: AL HADDADI AIRFIELD - A 9750x130-FOOT N/S
PROBABLY ASPHALT RUNWAY, IS POSSIBLY SERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE A
PARALLEL TAXIWAY, ONE CROSSOVER LINK, TWO HIGH-SPEED CROSSOVER LINKS,
AND TWO END-CONNECTING LINKS. A PARKING APRON IS CONNECTED TO THE
PARALLEL TAXIWAY BY TWO LINK TAXIWAYS. INITIAL CONSTRUCTION ON TAXI-
WAYS FOR APPROXIMATELY 14 POSSIBLE HANGARETTES IS OBSERVED.
AS SALIHIYAH AIRFIELD - CONSTRUCTION IS PROBABLY COMPLETE ON THE RUNWAY,
THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY, ONE HIGH-SPEED CROSSOVER LINK, TWO CROSSOVER LINKS,
TWO END-CONNECTING LINKS, AND A PARKING APRON. ONE DOUBLE-BAY HANGARETTE,
ELEVEN SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES AND FIVE VEHICLE REVETMENTS ARE UNDER CON-
STRUCTION. OB--2 POSSIBLE SMALL AIRCRAFT.

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: 50X

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